

Miss M. E. P. Davis, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the association; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Master George S. Ladd, of the State Grange; Miss Fisk, trustee of the Malden Hospital; a representative of the State Board of Registration in Medicine, and ex-Representative Mellen, of Worcester.

The burden of opposition was borne by Dr. Hugh Cabot, said to represent Dr. Alfred Worcester, and others were Dr. James W. Riley; John N. Merriam, chairman of the trustees of the Westboro Insane Hospital and head of the Framingham Nurses' School (Waltham plan); Dr. Hatch, of Framingham; Dr. Cook, of Natick; Attorney Farr for the male nurses, and Representative Staples. Among those who have been the staunch supporters of the nurses are Dr. G. H. M. Rowe, of the City Hospital; Drs. Cowles and Tuttle, of the McLean Asylum; Dr. Mann, of the Homœopathic Hospital, and others.

No State has reported a bill passed up to the time of our going to press.

ANOTHER ENGLISH SCHEME TO DEFEAT REGISTRATION

As we go to press we learn through the *British Journal of Nursing* of February 11 of another organization that has sprung up to defeat registration in Great Britain. We are able to quote only a few lines, but these give the gist of the situation: "Seven wealthy financiers in the City of London [led by Sir Henry Burdett] have petitioned the Board of Trade to incorporate them as 'The Society for Promoting the Higher Education and Training of Nurses,' with powers constituting them the organizers, disciplinarians, and masters of every trained nurse and training-school in the United Kingdom, for the powers for which they ask mean control of the most despotic and unconstitutional character, which, if granted, would result in the reduction of a great body of educated, intelligent, professional women workers to the position of absolute serfs in the body politic."

Surely with so many wealthy and distinguished gentlemen concerning themselves about nursing education on both sides of the Atlantic the nursing profession must either go way, way up or way, way down. We are holding our breath to know which way the ball will bounce.

A CANADIAN NURSES' JOURNAL

THE nurses of Toronto are about to publish a "quarterly," to be called the *Canadian Nurse*. It is time Canadian nurses had a magazine of their own, and we would be the first to welcome such into the field of

journalism but for one thing—the Editor-in-Chief is not to be a nurse, but a woman physician, who has never taken a nurse's training. Dr. Helen McMurchy will edit the *Canadian Nurse* well, but we know there are nurses in Canada who are capable of editing and managing a nursing magazine with a high degree of excellence, and we regret to see them place themselves before the world as being lacking in either brains or confidence to manage their own affairs. Miss Snively, who has been the recognized pioneer leader in nursing affairs in Canada for so many years, is not in sympathy with the idea of calling upon a medical woman to edit a nursing journal, although she is alive to the need of such a magazine in Canada. If the Canadian nurses in Canada have not the ability to edit their own journal, there are any number of Canadian women across the line who can do it for them brilliantly. At least let nurses keep to their own profession when such work is to be done.

THE NEW RED CROSS

THE *Outlook* publishes an outline of the plan of reorganization of the National Red Cross Society which is of especial interest to nurses in view of the fact that a committee was appointed at the last meeting of the Associated Alumnae to arrange, if possible, for some form of affiliation with the Red Cross, so that the great nursing body of the country might have a recognized place in the Red Cross work. At the first annual meeting, held under the new charter, William H. Taft, Secretary of War, was elected president. The other officers elected are: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury C. H. Keep, treasurer; Assistant Attorney-General Louis Pratt, counsellor, and Charles L. McGee, secretary. The Executive Committee includes the Hon. Francis B. Loomis, Assistant Secretary of State; General George W. Davis, Dr. John C. Boyd, U.S.N.; Mr. James R. Garfield, Chief of the Bureau of Corporations; ex-Secretary Herbert, Surgeon-General Wyman, and Miss Mabel Boardman.

It is planned to have a committee of twelve in each State to work for the upbuilding of the Red Cross and make it more national in character, and it would seem a very natural conclusion to reach that nurses, who are the people who will be depended upon to do the hard, practical work in caring for the sick and wounded in time of national calamity, should, from the standpoint of courtesy and practical knowledge, have representation on these committees. The report of the alumnae committee will be looked for with great interest at the Washington Convention.